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SUBJECT: CCD-689TH PLENARY, FEBURARY 19, 1976

1. THORRSON (SWEDEN), IN ONLY FORMAL STATEMENT OF
MEETING, BEGAN BY DEPLORING PERSISTENT STALEMENT IN
INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS NOTWITHSTANDING
INCREASED ACTIVITY AT 1975 UNGA. EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER
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THE PACE AND SCOPE OF THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS AND
CRITICIZING THE 150-KILOTON THRESHOLD OF THE TTBT, THORRSON

CALLED ON CCD TO GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB). SHE SAW NO INSURMOUNTABLE TECHNICAL OBSTACLES WITH RESPECT TO VERIFICATION OF A CTB, ASSERTING THAT VERIFICATION COULD BE ASSURED BY NATIONAL MEANS SUPPLEMENTED BY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PROCEDURES. AT SAME TIME, SHE CRITICIZED EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH UNREALIZABLE POLITICAL PRECONDITIONS FOR A CTB; I.E., A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES MUST PARTICIPATE FROM THE BEGINNING. SHE ADDED THAT US AND USSR, WHICH POSSESS "VAST SUPERIORITY IN NUCLEAR ARSENALS," HAD RESPONSIBILITY TO START PROCESS TOWARD GOAL OF CTB WITH UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE. THORSSON SAID SWEDEN WAS EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS OF A CTB OUTSIDE THE CCD. SHE SAID IT WAS HER "IMPRESSION" THAT CCD'S INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON CTB SHOULD BE HELD NEAR END OF SPRING SESSION.

2. THORSSON SAID US-SOVIET COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP A JOINT CCD INITIATIVE ON CW "HAS LOST ITS CREDIBILITY" AND THAT CCD SHOULD THEREFORE BEGIN CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASIS OF MATERIAL ALREADY BEFORE IT.

3. THORSSON WELCOMED US PROPOSAL FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF CCD PROCEDURES, AGREEING THAT THIS WAS PREFERABLE TO PIECEMEAL, AD HOC DECISIONS. SHE STRESSED THAT NO ASPECT OF THE COMMITTEE'S ORGANIZATION AND METHODS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REVIEW. SHE CALLED FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION OF FORMAT OF CCD REPORT, WHICH SHOULD PRESENT MATERIAL BEFORE COMMITTEE AS WELL AS ANY AGREED CONCLUSIONS IN A MORE ANALYTICAL MANNER.

4. ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION, THORSSON EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AGREEMENT ON ENMOD CONVENTION COULD BE REACHED IN 1976. SHE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US OPENING STATEMENT IDENTIFYING MAJOR ISSUES AND REFERRING INTER ALIA TO SWEDISH VIEWS STATED AT UNGA, AND SOLICITED ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THOSE VIEWS. HOWEVER, SHE DID NOT INCLUDE ENMOD AMONG ISSUES (CTB, CW, PROCEDURES) ON WHICH SHE SAID SWEDEN INTENDED TO EXERT PRESSURE
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DURING 1976 CCD SESSION.

5. ENE (ROMANIA) RAISED QUESTIONS OF ORGANIZATIONS OF WORK FOR 1976 AND CCD REPORT TO UNGA, SUGGESTING THAT TIME BE ALLOTTED TO DISCUSS THESE SUBJECTS NEXT WEEK. HE WELCOMED US PROPOSAL FOR PROCEDURES REVIEW AND SAID ROMANIA WOULD PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY. ENE ALSO ENDORSED MEXICAN SUGGESTION THAT CCD ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE THIS YEAR TO DEAL WITH MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

6. NEXT PLENARY MEETING TUESDAY, FEBURARY 24, 1976. DALE

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